

Amend Subsection 360(b),
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
Re: Deer: X-Zone Hunts

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| (a) Notice Hearing: | Date: February 8, 2008
Location: San Diego, California |
| (b) Discussion Hearing: | Date: March 7, 2008
Location: Stockton, California |
| (c) Discussion Hearing: | Date: April 11, 2008
Location: Bodega Bay, California |
| (d) Adoption Hearing: | Date: May 9, 2008
Location: Monterey, California |

Pursuant to its May 9, 2008 meeting in Monterey, the Fish and Game Commission adopted the regulation changes as proposed.

No (other) public comments, written or oral, were received during the public comment period.

VII. Location and Index of Rulemaking File:

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIII. Location of Department files:

Department of Fish and Game
1812 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

IX. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

1. Number of Tags

There is no reasonable alternative to the proposed action.

(b) No Change Alternative:

1. Number of Tags

The no change alternative was considered and found inadequate to attain the project objectives. Retaining the current number of tags for the zones listed may not be responsive to changes in the status of the herds. The deer herd management plans specify objective levels for the proportion of bucks in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by modifying the number of tags. The no change alternative would not allow management of the desired proportion of bucks stated in the approved deer herd management plans.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives: In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

X. Impact of Regulatory Action:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made.

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed action adjusts tag quotas for existing hunts. Given the number of tags available and the area over which they are distributed, these proposals are economically neutral to business.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California:

None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Private Persons:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

None.

- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies:

None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts:

None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4:

None.

(h) Effect on Housing Costs:

None.

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST (Policy Statement Overview)

Existing regulations provide for the number of hunting tags for the X zones. The proposal changes the number of tags for all existing zones to a series of ranges presented in the following table. These ranges are necessary, as the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because severe winter conditions can have an adverse effect on herd recruitment and overwinter adult survival, final tag quotas may fall below the proposed range.

Pursuant to its May 9, 2008 meeting in Monterey, the Fish and Game Commission adopted the regulation changes (tag quotas) as follows:

Deer: § 360(b) X-Zone Hunts			
2008 Recommended Tag Allocations (Modified Proposal)			
Zone	Current	Original Proposal	Modified Proposal
X-1	2,230	1,000-6,000	2,280
X-2	180	50-500	180
X-3a	280	100-1,200	250
X-3b	795	200-3,000	845
X-4	415	100-1,200	425
X-5a	55	25-200	60
X-5b	115	50-500	85
X-6a	335	100-1,200	325
X-6b	390	100-1,200	375
X-7a	250	50-500	205
X-7b	120	25-200	125
X-8	250	100-750	230
X-9a	750	100-1,200	775
X-9b	325	100-600	325
X-9c	325	100-600	325
X-10	400	100-600	400
X-12	805	100-1,200	850